Golf (268-4653)

The city operates five golf courses, from the Sim course to the challenging Auburn Hills. Discount passes are available to Seniors over age 62. Passes are \$75 and allow a \$7.50 discount on green fees on each visit for one year. Visit www.golfwichita.com or call the Golf Office at 268-4653 for more information.

Finance (268-4526)

The City maintains a hardship deferral program for special assessments. Special assessments can be deferred provided property owners meet low income eligibility (currently income less than \$20,500 annually). Although open to all property owners, seniors over age 65 or disabled are provided higher income limits.

Public Works (268-4501)

The City budgets \$450,000 annually for sidewalk and wheelchair ramps, and another \$160,000 fixing sidewalks that are buckled. The department also spends \$250,000 on alley cleanups. For cleanup information, call your neighborhood association or community police officer.

Transit (265-1450 or 337-4834)

The Transit system serves most of Wichita with buses and para-transit vans. Vans are available for those with documented handicaps and provide curb to curb service. The system also provides half price fares to seniors on the bus routes.

Fire Department (268-4451)

The Fire Department provides free blood pressure checks at each of the 18 fire stations. Firefighters will be happy to check blood pressure anytime they are in the station. However, due to the unpredictable nature of alarms, hours for the program are set from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Fire Department also maintains over 50 defibrillator devices, including two at every fire station. This device can save lives when one has chest pains. Call 911 for emergency assistance.

City Phone Numbers:	
Airport	946-4701
City Council	268-4333
City Manager's Office	268-4519
Environmental Health	268-8351
Finance	268-4434
Fire Department	268-4451
Law	268-4681
Library	261-8500
Municipal Court	268-4611
Park	268-4361
Police	268-4158
Public Works	268-4497
Transit	265-1450
Water and Sewer	268-4504

Visit the City online at www.wichita.gov

City Services Available for Seniors



Park Department (268-4361)

Park operates "Golden Age" clubs in eight neighborhood recreations centers. These clubs are geared for the active senior, with events including dances, dinners, trips and weekly meetings. Contact your local recreation center or the Park Office for more information.

Park Recreation Centers	
Aley	337-9268
Boston	688-9301
Colvin	303-8023
Edgemoor	688-9392
Edgemoor	303-8036
Linwood	337-9191
McAdams	337-9222
Orchard	941-0663
Osage	941-0611
Woodard	303-8015

The Red Cross Good Neighbor Nutritional Program is hosted at 8 recreation centers. Lunch is provided for a requested donation only.

The Park system includes 52 horse shoe courts, 32 shuffle board courts and 13 exercise paths. Recreation Centers also feature morning time for "gym walking" to provide exercise opportunities.

Workforce Training and Employment

The City provides employment services for seniors through the Workforce Investment Act program. Contact Career Development at 337-9444.

Police Department

(911 for emergencies, or 268-4239)

The Wichita Police Department provides specially trained community police officers for each beat within the City to handle neighborhood issues and problems. Seniors can call their neighborhood substation and meet with their community police officer when assistance is needed.

Police Substations
East 688-9335
West 941-0653
South 337-9206
North 688-9500

The Police Department also maintains an active fraud section. Since con artists frequently target seniors, the Police Department provides free seminars and advice specifically to protect seniors. Call the Investigations Section at 268-4407 for more information.

Library (261-8500)

The Library operates the "Talking Books" program, which provides books on tape and tape records for check out. The Library also provides home-bound book delivery services (for the physically disabled). At the Main Library, an extensive genealogy section is maintained to facilitate research - call 261-8509 for more information.

Project Access (688-0600)

This City-County-United Way-Medical Society partnership provides medical care and prescription drugs to patients who live in poverty.

Housing programs - A variety of programs are offered to help those on lower incomes and seniors with maintenance. Specific programs are listed below – or call 268-4314 for more information:

- <u>Direct Loan Program</u> This program provides low-interest direct loan of up to \$35,000 for residents who own their home and meet income qualifications.
- Paint Grant Program Provides paint up to \$150 per household for residents (and paint labor grants for seniors and the disabled) who own their own home and are located within a Redevelopment Incentives Area.
- <u>Secondary Structure Demolition</u>
 <u>Program</u> Provides a grant up to \$1,500 to demolish substandard secondary structures.
- Exterior Repair Program Provides low interest grants up \$7,500 for residents who own their own home and are located within a Local Investment Area.
- Emergency Home Repair Program -Provides emergency repair grants up to \$1,000 and emergency loans up to \$5,000 for residents who own their own home and are located within a Local Investment Area.